

Westlake Avenue North Corridor Workgroup

April 2, 2007

6:00 - 8:00 pm

South Lake Union Armory, 860 Terry Avenue N., Room 122

Meeting 8 Summary

Members Present: Phil Bannon
Ann Bassetti
Jim Codling
Tim Hesterberg
Lynne Reister
Don Stonehill
Cameron Strong
Bill Wehrenberg
Bill Wiginton
Tim Zamberlin

Members Absent: Robert Gerrish
Lloyd Shugart
Stan Waldrop

SDOT Attendees: Marty Curry (consultant)
Bill Timmer (consultant)
Tracy Krawczyk
Sue Partridge

1. April 16 Meeting with City Traffic Engineer

The meeting began with a discussion of the upcoming presentation of the Workgroup's recommendations to City Traffic Engineer Wayne Wentz and the format it should take. Members also discussed the timing of events following the Wentz presentation including an additional meeting with him on April 30, and communication to the community at large. The consensus was to wait and see how the first presentation goes and then decide what is needed for further meetings, presentations, and communication.

2. General Discussion

Workgroup members and SDOT staff and consultants read through the Workgroup's prepared documents:

- Key Concepts
- Guiding Principles
- Westlake Parking Management Plan (up to Phase II-A when time ran out)

Jointly reviewing the documents allowed the Workgroup members to discuss and agree upon the structure and message of the documents. SDOT had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions, both to understand the intent of the documents and identify any issues that may be a problem or require more explanation.

In the two weeks before April 16, the Workgroup will meet internally to refine the presentation materials to add rationale statements to the phasing, and generally simplify the documents so that they can be presented in the allotted 2 hours.

3. Upcoming Meetings

- Presentation to Wayne Wentz Monday, April 16, 6-8 pm in the Armory
- Future meetings and presentations will be determined depending on the details of the parking management plan that results from the April 16 meeting.

Attachment: Comments received June 6- July 7, 2006 (extracts)

Westlake Avenue North Open House Comments	
Received June 6 - July 7, 2006	
1. I am a WAN...	5. What does not work well?
Business Owner	There is no parking after 9 am
Business Owner	Too many times when there are no parking spaces available to customers and tenants.
Business Owner	People use it as a park and ride. This hurts my hair salon because clients have nowhere to park.
Business Owner	Wish it had RPZ for businesses.
Business Owner	Park & riders who park then take a bus downtown, need more public transit.
Business Owner	Park & Riders taking parking - Condo owners using space
Business Owner	At present it is difficult to find parking spaces between 9a-3p.
Business Owner	Not enough
Business Owner	Not enough parking with the "new" paved lots.
Business Owner	Very crowded-too many use it as a Park & Ride & that hurts those of us who need it for our business & clients.
Business Owner	The number of vehicles parked here that are coming from people working downtown or in buildings with parking garages.
Business Owner	Commuters using the all day parking, then riding the bus downtown.
Business Owner	I have to constantly move my car to avoid a ticket. My customers have trouble finding parking.
Business Owner	Can't find a spot, customers can't find a spot
Employee	Not enough unrestricted time spaces as it always has been Take out 2hr and 4hr limited spaces
Employee	It has become a park & ride that I don't think the City intended it to be. Consequently our spaces are mostly full by 7:30 am.
Employee	2 hr limits (AGC area) are too short. I imagine this will expand w/pay-display? My clients need 12 hrs minimum for day use & 2-3 + days for multi-day use.
Employee	There is not enough for the demand in the area.
Employee	Hide & Ride, employees from buildings (west side) of Westlake, not enough customer/client parking from 2144 south to 1800 Westlake - not spaces available for boat owners/users...
Employee	Not enough of it - the city should put more in - especially if you want this business area to become a tourist area.
Employee	Restaurant/Hotel overuse; Athletic club patrons
Employee	Many use as a park & ride to take the bus.
Employee	All the 2-hour parking spots. Not very many people stay for just two hours.

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Employee	Often you have to drive around the lot several times to find a spot close to the office. Also I do not like the 2-hour spots--often if those are the only spots available you have to keep moving your car during the work day.
Employee	Too many people park all day & take the bus downtown.
Employee	Fills up quickly.
Employee	Overcrowding of stalls for employees of business.
Employee	Not enough all day parking. Dumpsters taking up parking spots.
Employee; liveaboard on Fairview Ave N	Bus commuters drive into Seattle park their car on Westlake & take the bus the rest of the way downtown take up free parking.
Employee; Marina user	Crowding on South End
Marina user	Boaters trying to load boats from a long distance or livaboards carrying groceries in the rain for a long distances. I don't think the parking for PARK & RIDE should be used for that. Not enough handicapped parking.
Liveaboard Resident, Marina User	I am not thrilled about it. I have to pay now to get a space w/ Amco as in front of Marina Mart where I live is only 2 hours (usually taken up by 24-hour fitnesses) and the long-term is taken up by others until after 5:00 pm
Marina user	Busy in daytime
Marina user	The concentration of vehicles south of 1900 Westlake N and the "park & rides".
Marina user	Like any parking the number of spaces is not infinite, so there are times when parking may not be available at the moment I arrive, so I have to wait until a parking space is vacated. The owner of Discount Divers parks 4 vehicles.
Marina user	Trash dumpster in lot. No available parking during day on weekdays
Marina user	Park & Riders taking parking; All day parkers take most of the longer term spaces and short term places are often too short.
Employee and customer/client	Sometimes I have to park a little far away to get a spot
Employee, Commuter	Parking difficult between 9am & 4pm
Liveaboard Resident, Business Owner, Marina User, Owner of 3 office bldgs and marina	It is difficult at best if you are in a service oriented business that requires customer parking throughout the day. It is non-existent at times.
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Marina user	It is used as a free Park & Ride for downtown. The new residential & businesses have been allowed to develop without sufficient parking or mitigation.
Marina user	Not enough disability spaces by marina gate.
Marina user (lease long-term moorage)	Improvements have attracted outside users which are displacing parking use for residents, businesses, recreational boaters and other water dependent uses.
Marina User and long time boat/moorage resident.	Too few of spaces to serve all the local businesses, residents + boat owners who pay moorage and taxes to City of Seattle. Now there are areas where signs are posted that limit parking 1 or 2 hours.
Marina user, walker	1. Mostly, it's been totally taken over by long-term commuter parking. 2. It's almost impossible to visit my boat for a short time during the week.
Marina user	Not enough spaces for those of us who need them and pay moorage/ taxes there.
Marina user	Park and Riders - people who do not visit businesses, work or live in the Westlake Ave N. corridor.
Marina user	4th of July & too many non-residential parkers
Resident, Business Owner, Marina User	Events at nearby restaurants that affect parking.
Resident/liveaboard	No enough parking spaces
Resident/liveaboard	Congestion
Resident/liveaboard	No available parking weekdays for vendors.
Resident/liveaboard	I am sure there are businesses especially at the south end of the Lake who see parking is very limited for themselves and their customers.
Resident/liveaboard	Its use as a Park & Ride center. Its use by all the apartment dwellers. It's convenient for drug dealers and car thieves.
Resident/liveaboard	Can't find parking - crime seems to have gone up.
Resident/liveaboard	No designated permit parking for legal residents. Businesses, marinas and residents need a permit parking zone(s).
Resident/liveaboard	When friends visit there is no designated visitor parking for liveaboards - there is no designated parking for residents & their guests.
Resident/liveaboard, employee	From China Harbor south it is sometimes difficult to find parking
Resident/liveaboard, marina user	Around China Harbor South there is never parking because employees use it all.
Resident/Business owner;Commuter; Marina User	It is often full due to activities at China Harbor
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Resident--houseboat	The only real problem is some people drive in from the suburbs, park their cars and take the bus or bike into the downtown area.
Resident--houseboat	I rarely get overnight (evening to morning) parking because the Rock Salt patrons take all the long-term spots. I have gotten many tickets!
Resident--houseboat	Two hour limits and other rules are not enforced. Some people use it to store extraneous vehicles for this reason, or park by our residences instead of parking downtown.
Resident--houseboat, marina user	Limited 2+ hour spots available M-Sat.